EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes

and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be

submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview

with Nish Patel Reg. No. 65,546 on 2/25/2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Claim 1, replace "receiving input for a player's wager" in about line 3, page 2 of

the claims filed on 2/25/2011 with – receiving input for an amount of a player's wager --,

"subtracting a progressive jackpot wager amount" in about line 12, page 2 of the claims

filed on 2/25/2011 with – subtracting, by a gaming unit controller of the gaming unit, a

progressive jackpot wager amount --, "adding the progressive jackpot wager amount" in

about line 15,page 2 of the claims filed on 2/25/2011 with –adding, by the gaming unit

controller of the gaming unit, the progressive jackpot wager amount --, and "the

occurrence of the primary game for the primary game" in about line 20-21, page 2 of the

claims filed on 2/25/2011 with – the occurrence of the primary game --.

In Claim 10, replace "receiving input for a player's wager" in about line 4, page 4

of the claims filed on 2/25/2011 with – receiving input for an amount of a player's wager

--, and "the occurrence of the first game for the first game" in about lines 2-3, page 5 of

the claims filed on 2/25/2011 with – the occurrence of the first game --.

In Claim 33, replace "capable of allowing" in about line 6, page 6 of the claims

filed on 2/25/2011 with – operable to allow --, "capable of dispensing" in about line 9,

page 6 of the claims filed on 2/25/2011 with – operable to dispense a --, and "receive

input for a player's wager" in about lines 5-6, page 7 of the claims filed on 2/25/2011

with – receive input for an amount of a player's wager --.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art for the features of the claimed invention are Bridgemann et

al. (US Patent 6,634,946; hereinafter Bridgemann) and Vancura et al. (US Patent

Application Publication 2003/0181231; hereinafter Vacura).

However, Bridgemann alone or in combination with Vancura does not disclose a

method and a gaming unit that practices the method that comprises:

"receiving input for a player's wager on an occurrence of a multi-player wagering

game at an. input device of a gaming unit, wherein the multi-player wagering game is a

primary game; subtracting the amount of the player's wager on the occurrence of the

primary game from the player's available credit at the gaming unit after receiving the

input for an amount of the player's wager on the primary game, wherein the player's

available credit corresponds to an amount of a medium of currency deposited at the

gaming unit; comparing the amount of the player's wager on the occurrence of the

primary game to a minimum wager amount; subtracting, by a gaming unit controller of the gaming unit, a progressive jackpot wager amount from one of the player's available credit and the credits subtracted from the player's available credit when the player's wager on the primary game is greater than or equal to a minimum wager amount; awarding at least a portion of the progressive jackpot pool to the player for a secondary game when the player's outcome for the occurrence of the primary game is a predetermined progressive jackpot winning outcome for the secondary game and the player's wager for the primary game is greater than or equal to the minimum wager amount; and wherein each player has a unique game array of game indicia for the occurrence of the primary game and individual game indicia are sequentially selected from the range of game indicia, wherein one of the players wins the occurrence of the primary game by matching a predetermined game winning pattern of game indicia on the player's unique game array with the sequentially selected game indicia, and wherein the outcome of the occurrence of the primary game is a predetermined progressive jackpot winning outcome when a pattern on the player's unique game array formed by game indicia on the unique game array matching sequentially selected game indicia matches a predetermined progressive jackpot winning pattern," **or**, "providing an input device for receiving input for an amount of a player's wager on an occurrence of a multi-player wagering game at the gaming unit, wherein the multi-player wagering game is a first game; configuring the gaming unit to subtract the amount of the player's wager on the occurrence of the first game from the player's available credit at the gaming unit after receiving the input for the player's wager on the first game at the input device, wherein the player's available credit corresponds to an amount of a medium of currency deposited at the gaming unit; configuring the gaming unit to compare the amount of the player's wager on the occurrence of the first game to a minimum wager amount; configuring the gaming unit to subtract a progressive jackpot wager amount from one of the player's available credit and the credits subtracted from the player's available credit when the player's wager on the first game is greater than or equal to the minimum wager amount; configuring the gaming unit to add the progressive jackpot wager amount to a progressive jackpot pool for a progressive jackpot; configuring the gaming

unit to determine an outcome for the player for the occurrence of the first game;
configuring the gaming unit to award at least a portion of the progressive jackpot pool
for a second game to the player when the player's outcome for the occurrence of the
first game is a predetermined progressive jackpot winning outcome and the player's
wager is greater than or equal to the minimum wager amount, wherein the second
game is different than the first game; and wherein each player has a unique game array
of game indicia for the occurrence of the first game and individual game indicia are
sequentially selected from a range of available game indicia, wherein one of the players
wins the occurrence of the first game by matching a predetermined game winning
pattern of game indicia on the player's unique game array with the sequentially selected
game indicia, and wherein the outcome of the occurrence of the first game is a
predetermined progressive jackpot winning outcome of the second game when a
pattern on the player's unique game array formed by game indicia on the unique game
array matching sequentially selected game indicia matches a predetermined
progressive jackpot winning pattern."

Thus, the claimed invention is not anticipated by nor obvious over the closest
prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later
than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably
accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on
Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
examiner should be directed to ARTHUR O. HALL whose telephone number is

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

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